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In re Application)	Examiner: P. N. BUTLER
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)	Art Unit: 1732
Serial No.: 10/694,153)	
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Confirmation No.: 3016)	

Title: UNIFORM NONWOVEN MATERIAL AND LAMINATE AND PROCESS THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT BRIEF

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 41.37, and in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Brief mailed on May 8, 2008, by Patent Appeal Center Specialist Darlene Brown, Applicants hereby submit for the caption application, corrected pages 2, 26, 27 and 28 for Applicants' Original Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST:

The real party in interest is Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., the owner of the entire right title and interest.

2. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES:

None.

3. STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Applicant appeals the rejection of all of the non-allowed pending claims 1 – 5, 11, 13 – 16, and 23, which are under final rejection mailed on September 6, 2007. Claims 6 – 10 and 17 – 22 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 12 is cancelled.

4. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS:

The amendment electronically filed on January 7, 2008, has been entered per the Advisory Action mailed on January 18, 2008, and overcame the rejection of claims 11 and 13 – 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

5. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER:

Independent claim 1:

As explained at page 10, lines 4 – 11 of applicants' specification, an embodiment of a method of making a nonwoven web is schematically shown in FIG. 1.

As schematically shown in FIG. 1 and explained at page 10, lines 13 – 16 of applicants' specification, the method includes providing a plurality of fibers 60.

providing perturbed attenuating air to the drawing slot.

22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein at least one of the opposed diverging sidewalls comprises at least one vortex generator.

23. (Previously presented) A method of making a nonwoven web, the method comprising:

- a) providing a plurality of fibers;
- b) subjecting the fibers to a pneumatic attenuation force in a drawing slot formed between opposed drawing slot sidewalls, the attenuation force imparting a velocity to the fibers;
- c) subjecting the fibers to an applied electrostatic charge, the electrostatic charge applied by an electrostatic charging unit located on one of the drawing slot sidewalls;
- d) reducing the velocity of the fibers in a diffusion chamber, the diffusion chamber being formed substantially between opposed diverging sidewalls; and thereafter
- e) collecting the fibers into a web on a moving forming surface;

wherein the pneumatic attenuation force is provided by air consisting of attenuation air only entering the drawing slot from the drawing slot sidewall opposing the drawing slot sidewall upon which the electrostatic charging unit is located.

9. Evidence Appendix:

N/A

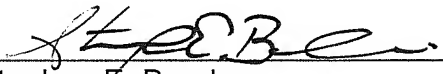
10. Related Proceedings Appendix:

N/A

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